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For: CAPPING LAYER FOR EXTREME
LOW DIELECTRIC CONSTANT FILMS

Examiner: C. Novacek

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2822

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